Dear Joe,

5/27/91

I clipped this Post story on the return of almost the last of the falashas not because the Times will not have carried more but as a reminder.

Last evening's TV net news began on ABC and CBS with beautiful, joyous pictures of the welcome they got, stacks of clothing and shoes some had never worn and such dancing, even whitebeards dancing with black kids on their shoulders.

The cost of Israel is great and the problems to most of us close to unimaginable but they did it, they face it, and they try for the remaining few thousand.

What a feat, too!

And with all their enormous debt they add more and with all their problems they magnify them - for blacks.

What country, what people, have ever done anything like this?

The world would not do it for white Jews who could have avoided Hitler's extermination, and they were not a primitive people.

NBC had pretty much the same later in its news.

When I first saw the joy on the faces of those Israelis of all ages and the absence of fear on all those black faces I was immediately reminded that the UN has ordained that Israel is a racist state.

I think it is appropriate for there to be a United States campaign to get the UN to retract and this is the proof. If such an effort fails then it will make clear that the UN itself is racist and that Israel is not.

As I thought of this I thought that perhaps you might try to interest your good friend Ronnie Lauder in making a beginning with a full-page ad in the Times.

Think of it, huh?

Spoke to Alma yesterday and told her that when your situation is clearer you intend to bring them down if you can.

On black Jews, did you know Moisha Levin in Wilmington (19305)? He was a black Jew, spoke better Yiddish than I then did plus a number of other languages and dialects, was a happy luftmensch and I suspect con man, and told me he was born in Palestine.

He was quite a character.

Best,

Harold